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Wild Horses and Burros Looking for Homes

What: The Bureau of Land Management's New Mexico Wild Horse and Burro crew is traveling to Robstown, Texas to hold a two-day adoption event. These animals once roamed public lands in the western states. Known as living legends, these animals are symbolic of our American west. However, due to overpopulation, some were removed and are now in need of new homes. The Bureau of Land Management hopes to place 95 animals at this adoption event. To adopt a wild horse or burro, individuals must meet minimum qualifications. Minimum adoption fee is \$125.

Animals available for adoption: 30 weanlings (young horses that are about 6 months of age), 30 mares, 20 studs and 15 burros (5 jennies and 10 jacks).

When:	Thursday, Jan. 29	4 to 6 p.m.	Registration, preview of animals
	Friday, Jan. 30	8 a.m. – 6 p.m. 10 a.m.	Registration and viewing of animals Oral, competitive bid begins
	Saturday, Jan. 31	8 a.m. – noon 10 a.m.	Walk up adoptions for qualified individuals

**Note: Activities and media opportunities available throughout the weekend.*

Where: **Robstown, Texas.** The adoption will take place at the Nueces County Memorial Agriculture Center. The facility is located north of Interstate 77 and State Highway 44 on the east side of the road.

Media Activities:

- Follow an adopter through the process from registration to loading their adopted animal into a trailer for the ride home
- Photograph wild horses and burros available for adoption, talk with past adopters about their experience
- Interview BLM Wild Horse and Burro Specialists about the history of the program, and find out what qualifies as a good home

Public Contact: **1-866-4-MUSTANGS** or visit the Bureau of Land Management's web site at www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov for additional information on qualifications.

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